**Area VII Meeting VATAT Conference Abilene**

**Tuesday July 29, 2014**

Meeting called to order: 12:58pm

1. Noel Stacy offered recipe booklet free of charge
2. New teacher introductions
3. VATAT Business
   1. Doc Forsythe announced our membership total 197 registered
   2. Doc Announced that if you need anything from VATAT please call office and if you have suggestions please contact
   3. Please donate to crisis fund
   4. Tenure awards handed out
   5. VATAT Board members:
      1. Nomination Gary Adams
         1. 2nd
         2. Motion passed
      2. Nomination Doc Forsythe made by Brandon Evans
         1. 2nd
         2. Motion Passed
   6. Livestock Show Advisory Committee:
      1. Mike Wallace seat up for re election
         1. Nomination of Mike Wallace
            1. 2nd
            2. Motion Passed
   7. Ag Mechanics Show advisory committee
      1. Benny Heller- Marble Falls already in seat
      2. Dusty Naumann- Harper Nominated
         1. 2nd
         2. Motion Passed
   8. Livestock Show competitive events committee
      1. Jordan Blount Nominated
         1. 2nd
         2. Motion Passed
   9. VATAT Planning meeting
      1. Melissa Loerwald
         1. 2nd
         2. Passed
      2. Wade Albert
         1. 2nd
         2. Passed
   10. Mentors/Mentees Paired
4. TSU LDE Invitational 11/4
5. San Angelo/ Texas Tech brought greetings
6. VATAT
   1. Guest Registration questioned
      1. Too expensive
   2. Parking in Ft. Worth
   3. Area Officer to Nationals should be funded by State not Area
7. Maynard
   1. Astros Night
   2. Addressed some concerns about Convention
   3. Introduced Kayliegh Barnett
8. Treasurer Report: Presented by Mark Jarzombek
   1. Motion to accept Financial Report
      1. 2nd
      2. Motion passed
9. State Scholarship Committee
   1. Kevin Sells
      1. 57 applied dwindled down to 41 to interview
   2. 25 that went to state 18 went to Austin
   3. Lindsey Hamer from East Central will get $1500 Area Scholarship
   4. Mark Jarzombek up for reelection
      1. Nomination for Mark Jarzombek
         1. 2nd
         2. Motion Passed
10. State LDE Committee Report
    1. Meets tomorrow at Lunch Time
       1. Spell out PR how many advisors to go in for setup
       2. How is ag advocacy audience and topic picked
       3. Area Stands solid with only wanting to stick with Grays for Conducting Contest
       4. Rodger Welch up for reelection
          1. Nomination
          2. 2nd
          3. Passed
11. State CDE Committee Report
    1. Meets this week
       1. Wool contest
          1. Talks of Moving to Angelo or A&M
    2. Ray Pieniazek up for reelection
       1. Nomination
       2. 2nd
       3. Passed
12. State Ag mechanics
    1. SA will have updated
       1. Classification of projects at Gembler
    2. CASE IH Tractor for Tractor Tech contest
    3. Look at Judgingcard for dates
    4. Ag Mech CDE Row crop production, boom type sprayer, Environmental skills- GPS and Engineering skills – Hydraulic Skills
    5. Mike Tondre- Up for reelection
       1. Nomination
       2. 2nd
       3. Passed
13. Horticulture committee meeting
    1. Floriculture contest providers might want to do keep/cull
    2. Survey will be on judgingcard for new rules
    3. Floriculture contest rules “may” working on the placing classes
    4. Will not have it A&M Consolidated but will be at college station HS
    5. Ron Whitson is looking for some people and information on greenhouse course
    6. Mike up for re election
       1. Nomination
       2. 2nd
       3. Passed
14. FFA Rodeo Committee
    1. Meeting today
    2. # of entries constant
    3. Was in Alvarado
    4. Financial report will be in on Friday
    5. Next year it will be in Sinton
    6. Doug Townsend up for reelection
       1. Nomination
          1. Craig Leonard
          2. Kyle Kelso
       2. 2nd
       3. Kyle Kelso elected
15. State Wildlife Committee
    1. Dwayne Reiley up for reelection
       1. Nominations- Dwayne Reiley
       2. 2nd
       3. Motion Passed
16. State Award and Degree Check
    1. Up for reelection Gary Adams
       1. Nominations- Gary Adams
       2. 2nd
       3. Motion Passed
    2. Reject committee needs to be set up 1 form each area
    3. Golden Horizon generate out of judgingcard
17. State SDE Committee
    1. Steven Branecky up for reelection
       1. Nominations- Steven Branecky
       2. 2nd
       3. Motion Passed
    2. Grading of manuscripts still was present at state
    3. Have two go forward from each of the senior prepared instead of one
    4. Getting critiques for finals is still needed
    5. Junior Divisions to mirror senior division
18. Ag Science Fair Committee
    1. Office vacant
       1. Nominations- Andrea Nordman, Ricky Prescott, Wes McFarland
       2. Vote
       3. Andrea Nordman Will fill vacancy
19. State Area Realignment
    1. Warren Beard will fill vacancy
20. State Officer Travel
    1. Amanda Holman will meet tomorrow morning
21. State FFA Convention
    1. Convention went well
    2. Hotel issues are going to be outrageous in Corpus
    3. Lone Star Degree- ceremony on how to present them
    4. State Officer election process is new go to workshop to learn
    5. Need wristbands to identify voting delegates
22. Area Convention & Degree Check
    1. Need to have kids in official dress
    2. Have teachers volunteer in committees
23. Area Greenhand Camp
    1. Sept.13 @ O’Connor HS $5 per kid
       1. Area Officers will host Area wide community service
          1. Sell wristbands for $5-10 and donate $ to food bank
24. Area Leadership Camp
    1. Same as in past June 20-22~ Father’s Day weekend
    2. Jessica Eckhardt was elected as Chairman/ Advisor for Area Camp.
25. Courtesy Corp State Convention
    1. Need advisors and students
26. Conference Planning
    1. Meet in the winter, please send her ideas for next year’s conference
27. Area Wool Contest
    1. Will hold off on Area Contest will talk about it on Friday
28. Area Land/ Range/Homesite
    1. Land and Range workshop please RSVP
29. Area Redistricting Report/ Proposal
    1. Proposal Passed
30. State Leadership Judges
    1. Need to follow 3rd and up rule
31. National Delegates
    1. See proposal
    2. Motion
    3. 2nd
    4. All Passed
32. Scramble Applications
    1. Send them to Dennis Oct. 17 if deadline is 11/1
    2. No one will draw
    3. All need to be ranked
33. Area III 11/22
34. Area X 11/24
35. Area LDE 11/9 Blanco
36. Fall CDE’s 10/8 SW HS
    1. Blanco Invitational 10/1
37. Spring CDE’s
    1. 4/11 TAMU Area
    2. 4/8 TSU Area
    3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ SHSU
    4. Cibolo Creek 1/24
    5. MCC 3/25
    6. TSU 3/26
    7. Texas State 3/27
    8. TAMU 3/28
    9. ASU 4/10
    10. Madison 3/21
    11. Bexar/Guadalupe Invitation 9/24
    12. State Ag Mech 4/10 @ Texas State
    13. Gerlach 1/30
    14. EC Poultry 2/21, 2/28 Livestock and Pee wee judging
38. SDE May 15 @ Madison
39. Area Convention 5/16 @ Madison
40. State Nom Com Committee Person
    1. Each district needs to have a representative on this committee
41. Area Officer Elections
    1. President- Warren Beard relinquished Melvin Pouncy
       1. Nomination: Melvin Pouncy
    2. Vice President- Eric Davis Relinquished
       1. Nomination Warren Beard
    3. Secretary- Janell McMullan
    4. Treasurer- Mark Jarzombek
42. Adjourned to district meeting at 3:43pm